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In re Application of:
Michael L. Beigel ✓
Serial No.: 07/801,749 ✓
Filing Date: 12/03/91 ✓
For: Multi-Memory Electronic
Identification Tag

Group Art Unit: 2608
Examiner: Glen R. Swann
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Date: August 13, 1992

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the communication from the Examiner dated October 15, 1992, a final rejection, the applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments in the claims, which are believed to place the rejected claims in condition for allowance, be entered pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.116.

4. (twice amended) An electronic identification tag comprising:

a means for permanently storing data in an unalterable fashion, said data being known as unalterable data;

(
) a means for permanently storing data in an alterable fashion, said data being known as alterable data;

a means for communicating said unalterable data and said alterable data to an electronic identification reader;

a means for altering said alterable data;

10 a means for receiving data to be substituted for said alterable data by said altering means, said communicating means and said receiving means being incapable of functioning simultaneously;

a means for recognizing when said receiving means is not functioning and enabling said communicating means, said recognizing/enabling means enabling said communicating means only if said receiving means is not functioning.

7. (twice amended) An intermittently-powered electronic identification tag comprising:

a means for permanently storing data in an unalterable fashion, said data being known as unalterable data;

a means for permanently storing data in an alterable fashion, said data being known as alterable data;

a means for communicating said unalterable data and said

alterable data to an electronic identification reader;

a means for temporarily storing data, said data being known as temporary data, said communicating means being capable of communicating said temporary data as well as said unalterable and alterable data to an electronic identification reader.

10. (twice amended) An apparatus for altering data in the memory of an electronic identification tag comprising:

a data entry device that enables a user by physical interactions with said data entry device to enter data into said apparatus;

[a means for receiving data from a user to be communicated to said tag;]

a means for communicating [said] data entered into said apparatus by said user to said tag.

15. (amended) A method of storing and altering data in an electronic identification tag comprising the steps:

receiving data to be permanently stored in memory in an unalterable fashion, said data being known as unalterable data;

{ storing said unalterable data in an unalterable memory;

receiving data to be stored in memory in an alterable fashion, said data being known as alterable data, said alterable data being permanently stored until purposely altered;

storing said alterable data in an alterable memory, the alterability of data in said alterable memory being subject to permanent disablement, the storing of said alterable data being aborted if the alterability of data in said alterable memory has been permanently disabled.

19. (amended) An electronic identification system comprising a reader and at least one tag, said tag comprising:

a means for permanently storing data in an unalterable fashion, said data being known as unalterable data;

a means for permanently storing data in an alterable fashion, said data being known as alterable data, said alterability being subject to permanent disablement;

a means for altering said alterable data;

a means for receiving data to be substituted for said alterable data by said altering means;

a means for communicating said unalterable data and said alterable data to an electronic identification reader;

said reader comprising:

a means for receiving data from a user to be substituted for said alterable data stored in said alterable storage means in said tag;

a means for communicating said received data from the user to said tag.